

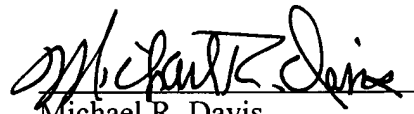
Remarks

Each multiple dependent claim has been amended to depend from only a single preceding claim, in order to reduce the filing fee, as a result of which new claims 11-34 have been added to the application. These new claims are the same as original claims 3, 5-8 and 10, except for their dependency.

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